

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

A number of area residents voiced concerns regarding the plans of Orco Investments, which has been looking to purchase large plots of land for planned multiple-

"We just want to keep the same characteristics in our neighborhood," said Gilbert. "For them to put a bunch of small homes in the middle of this area wouldn't be right."

Council members agreed and limited the moratorium to multiple housing developments.



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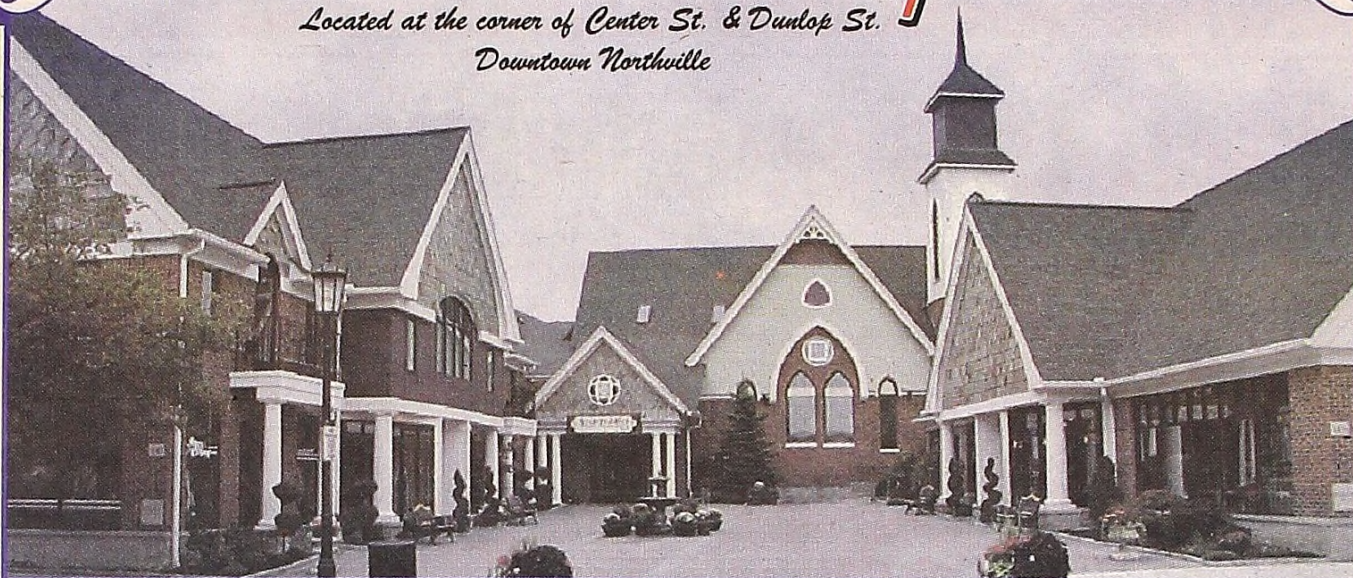
Romulus Fire Department personnel stand in front of one of the newly-acquired ambulances. Pictured from left are John Thiede, Jason Pittman, Todd Tingstad, Mayor Alan Lambert, John Fauls, Scott Ladach and Michael Wojtylko Jr.



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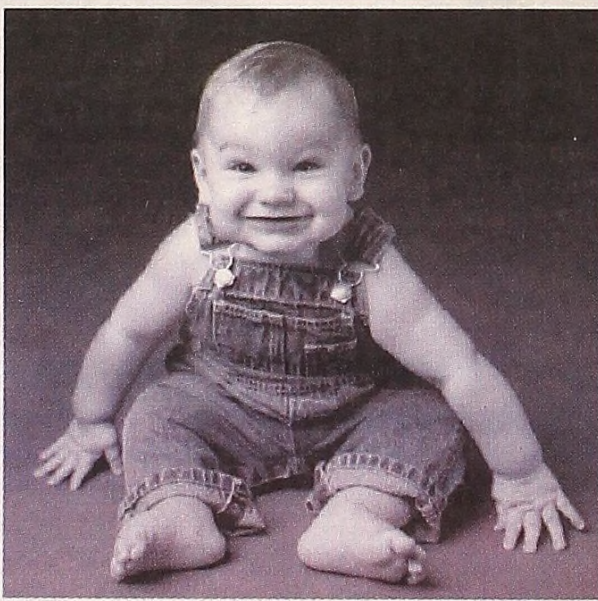
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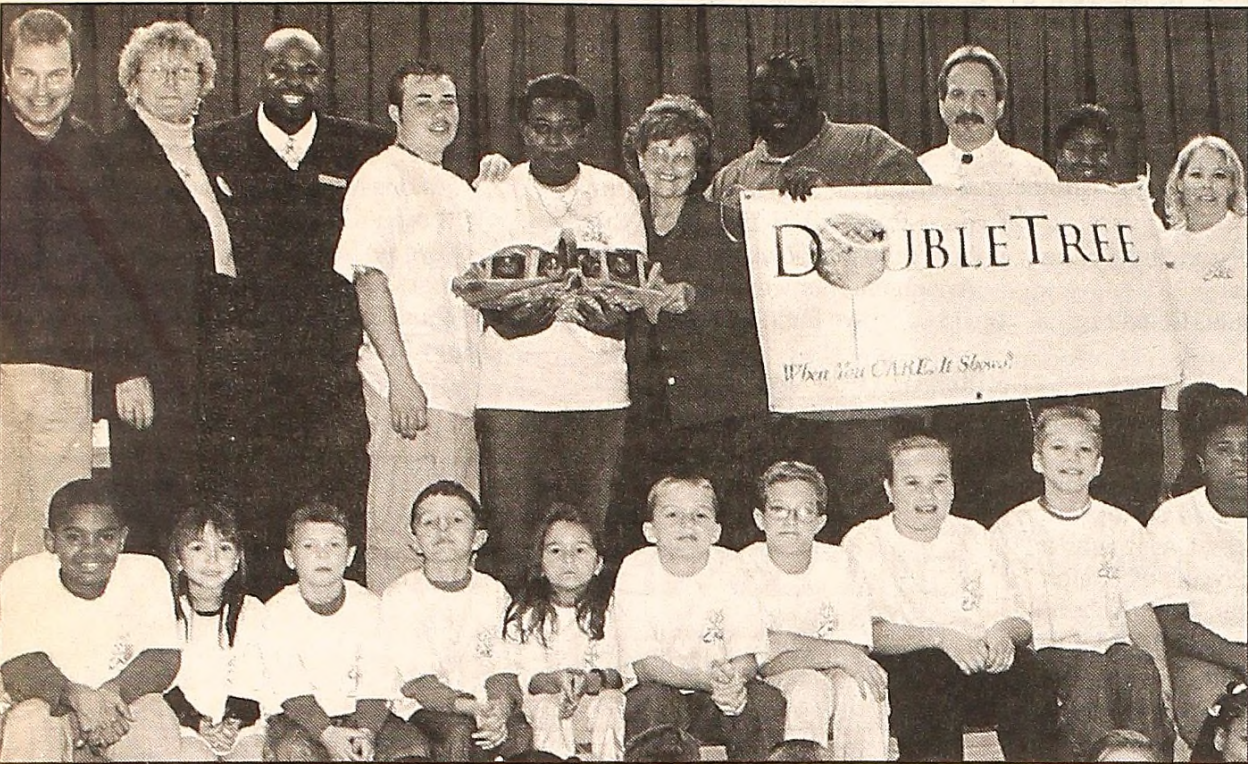
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Barth Elementary partnered with Doubletree Hotel in Romulus for the 2003 Cookie Giveaway Project. Students chose to give the cookies to Covenant House, a local organization that helps homeless and runaway children.

# Barth students donate 2003 cookies

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Students from Barth Elementary School recently partnered with the Romulus Doubletree Hotel to participate in the annual cookie giveaway project.

Each year, all participating Doubletree Hotels - about 125 - give away cookies to charity organizations. This year, 375 students from Barth were given the task of deciding which charity would make the best use of the chocolate chip cookies.

"This project is a great way to

give back to our communities and at the same time teach children about helping those in need," said Larry Feeback, general manager of the Romulus Doubletree.

After consideration and research, the students chose Covenant House, an organization that serves homeless, runaway and other at-risk children from ages 13-22 at five locations in the Metro-Detroit area to receive the 2003 cookies. Covenant House is funded by individual and corporate contributions and is in service 365 days a year.

"The 2003 great community cookie giveaway allowed our chil-

dren the opportunity to experience how rewarding it can be to give back to others in their own special way," said Diane Golka, Barth Elementary School principal.

The project is part of the hotel "Teaching Kids to CARE" program.

This is the second year the project has been done in Romulus. Last year, students at Wick Elementary were given the job of choosing an organization. They chose the Ronald McDonald House. It is something that Doubletree is looking forward to doing each year with the local Romulus schools, Feeback said.

Co-Chairpersons Midge Prybyla, left and Mary Lee Treder hosted the third annual Romulus Literary Club Christmas Tea. All donations from the event went to help First Step, a non-profit organization that helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



# First Step

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sexual assault for more than 25 years in western Wayne County. The organization has a number of different programs for victims and their families.

There is a 24-hour help line victims can call for help. First Step also has a 24-hour response team that will accompany or meet any victim in a hospital or police station for support. In addition, First Step offers offer counseling, education, resources, referrals and shelter to victims of violence.

"We are there for anybody who needs help," said Mary Jane Hood, supervisor at First Step.

"Some of the women go there with nothing at all," said Prybyla. "They have nothing but the clothes on their back."

Things included on the First Step Wish List are paper products, such as toilet paper and paper towels. Other items on the list include clothing for women or children, dishware, appliances, toiletries.

"Anything you would need to set up house," said Hood. "Some of these victims are completely starting over."

First Step also requests old cell phones, no longer in use. One of two things can be done with donated cell phones.

"First the phones can be made into 911 emergency phones," said Hood. "Then in case of emergency these victims will always have a way to call and ask for help."

Club members donated four vanloads of items to First Step, according to Hood.

"I was driving one of the loads," said Hood. "Trust me, there were a lot of items donat-

ed."

In addition the club also donated phone cards to First Step.

"The phone cards are a great donation," said Hood. "Sometimes the victims have to keep their phone bills down or in emergency need to be able to call for help and having a phone card allows them that safety."

"We depend on donations," said Hood. "So, when a group comes to us with this much, we are thrilled. It has been hard on charity organizations since Sept. 11. Grants have dried up, because the funds are being used for other things. Donations allow us to keep doing what we do for victims."

"We are very grateful to the literary club," said Hood. "They are a wonderful group of women."

For more information on First Step or how to donate, call (734) 416-1111.

# Food drive surpasses goal

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Parents, educators, students and neighbors at Romulus Elementary School learned the real meaning of Thanksgiving last month.

During the third annual canned food drive at the school, a joint effort of the student council and the Parents as Educational Partners (PEP), nearly 3,000 cans of food were contributed.

"We were amazed at the response we got from the community," said Patty Vardy, a PEP founder. "Kids were so excited about the program and they kept bringing in canned goods every day. It was a great event."

Initially, the goal was to accumulate 800 canned goods.

"The last two years we have done this, we have had a good response," said Vardy. "This year was much different. Every day

students and parents continued to bring in more and more canned goods. It was overwhelming."

Vardy said that one day a parent brought in more than 200 canned goods and other parents brought in huge bags of fresh fruits and vegetables.

By the Friday before Thanksgiving, Romulus Elementary students and parents had more than tripled their goal and brought in 2,961 canned goods.

"I have never seen a school of students and parents so willing to give, especially during these trying economic times," said Lynne Mossoian, principal at the school. "The outpouring of giving by our school community has been overwhelming. It is truly an honor to work with such a caring community."

The remaining canned goods will be used in Christmas baskets for the less fortunate, Vardy said.

# Proper disposal of waste urged by officials

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Officials in Romulus are taking steps to reduce the number of complaints - from residents and waste haulers alike - about garbage pick up.

The Romulus Department of Public Works (DPW) and Waste Management, and the township waste contractor have been receiving complaints about the proper disposal of waste, according to city officials.

"We have been getting a lot of calls regarding yard waste pick-up," said Carl Brooks, the Romulus DPW director. "People are wondering why their yard waste has not been picked up. It is because yard waste pick-up ended Dec. 1."

Brooks said he suggests residents who still have yard waste contact the City of Taylor.

"I am pretty sure that Taylor has a compost yard where people can bring their yard waste," said Brooks. "I would just call and check to see what the criteria is for dropping off waste."

All Romulus residents are being asked to adhere to the policies already in place, as it makes the pick-up service more precise.

Residents are asked to contain all rubbish in garbage cans no larger than 32-gallons with lids or in tied plastic bags. Cans or bags must weigh no more than 50 pounds each. Residents are asked to flatten and bundle cardboard with tape or string if it is too large to bag.

Large items like appliances, mattresses and bundled carpets will be collected the same day as regular rubbish pick-up. No call is required for large items, unless they are unusual. Residents are asked to remove doors of items before placing them at the curb for the safety of children.

Carpet is to be cut in 4-foot lengths, rolled and tied or taped into easy to handle bundles. Each bundle must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Refrigeration and air conditioning units contain Freon and the city is prohibited by law from picking them up. Brooks advised residents with refrigerators or freezers to look in the phone book in the refrigeration repair classification. There will be a listing for a Freon removal technician, he said. When the Freon is removed and a Freon removal sticker has been placed on the appliance, the items will be picked up, Brooks said.

There is a list of items that the DPW will not pick up including; liquid waste, loose needles, car parts, construction/roofing debris, hazardous waste, concrete/bricks, fencing/railroad ties, tree stumps, wood/dry wall, yard waste mixed with trash and wet paint cans.

To ensure pick-up, residents must have their rubbish at the curb by 7 a.m.

Recycling procedures for Romulus are as follows.

Number one and two plastic bottles with labels will be accepted. Romulus does not recycle plastic bottles three through seven. Residents are asked to place one and two bottles loosely in the bin.

Tin, aluminum cans and empty aerosol cans will also be recycled. If possible, residents are asked to remove labels. No pie tins, foil or scrap metal will be accepted.

Newspapers and magazines will also be recycled.

"If residents could also have the recyclables on one side of the driveway and the rubbish on the other that would really help us out," said Brooks.

For more information contact Waste Management at (313) 292-0800.



# OBITUARIES

## DALTON, Jack E. Sr.

Jack E. Dalton, Sr., 78, of Willis, died Nov. 21.

Among his survivors are his wife, Clara N. (David) Dalton; children, Dusty Dalton of Carleton, Jack (Ann) Dalton, Jr. of Sumpter Township and Bart Dalton of Flat Rock; grandchildren, Dusty Ann, Dallas and John, and one great-grandson, Dakota.

Mr. Dalton served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

## SZWAJKOWSKI, Leah Julie

Leah Julie Szwajkowski, 88, of Belleville, died Nov. 22.

Among her survivors are her niece, Calmathis Joan Romak of Southgate; 45 step-grandchildren, and 60 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at Washtenaw Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

## CELSKE, John W. Jr.

John W. Celkse, Jr., 29, of Dearborn Heights, died of Nov. 21 in Liberty County, GA.

Among his survivors are his son, Todd Allen Celski of Columbiana, AL; his father, John W. Celkse, Sr. of Roseville; a sister, Shelly (Greg) Stempfle of Dearborn Heights, and his maternal grandparents,

James and Ruth Redman of Bremerton, WA.

Mr. Celkse was a sergeant serving in the U.S. Army.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

## PRENTIS, Louis N.

Louis N. Prentis, 98, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Romulus, died Dec. 2.

Among his survivors are his wife, Angelina (Baziotes) Prestis; a stepson, Michael (Karen) Zaher of Arizona; a daughter, Barbara Ann Prentis of Canton Township; a step-daughter, Toni (Robert) Brothers of Belleville; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

## KOOTILLSAS, Kathleen J.

Kathleen J. Kootillas, 58, of Belleville, died Dec. 1.

Among her survivors are her husband, Robert T. Kootillas, an aunt and a cousin.

A private memorial service will be scheduled to celebrate Mrs. Kootillas life by her family.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

## SHIREMAN, Madeline L.

Madeline L. Shireman, 77, of Belleville, died Dec. 2.

Among her survivors are her children, Dennis C. Shireman of Belleville and Victoria Fairweather of Troy; a sister, Rose (Standley) Kroll of Westland, and grandsons, Bill (Mary) Fairweather and

Matthew Shireman.

A memorial service was at David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Schultz officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

## MOOMAW, Clyde "Joe" E.

Clyde E. "Joe" Moomaw, 73, of Saline,

formerly of Romulus, died Nov. 30.

Among his survivors are his wife, Marie W. (Lozano) Moomaw of Saline; sons, John D. (Lynne) Moomaw of Romulus, Albert A. (Janet) Moomaw of Columbia, TN and Michael R. Moomaw of Taylor; daughters, Mary Jo Viaz of Westland and Lisa L.

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## NOTICE

Please be advised, Pursuant To Section 4.9 of the Romulus City Charter and Chapter II, Article 2.101 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances you are hereby notified that a meeting of the Romulus Officers Compensation Board will be held Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing elected officials salaries.

In compliance with P.A. 267 of 1976, this is an open meeting.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 03/04-29 ONE (1) SVGA MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday, December 23, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

#### BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
BID 03/04-29 - ONE (1) SVGA MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 03/04-28 ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT MARKED VEHICLE CHANGEOVERS

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Obituaries

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Bratcher of Romulus; brothers, Howard (Joyce) Moomaw of Detroit, David C. Moomaw and Richard (Audrey) Moomaw of Traverse City; sister, Nancy Horn of Monroe; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Moomaw was a veteran

and a member of the VFW. Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. **JENKINS, Mark A.** Mark A. Jenkins, 54, of Belleville, died Nov. 30, at home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Beverly E. (Hunter) Jenkins and his children, Melaina and Jon, both of Belleville. Mr. Jenkins was employed by the Michigan Education Association for 32 years representing public school employees in districts throughout the state. He was a member of the Van Buren Township Economic Development Committee, a past presi-

dent of the Rawsonville Elementary PTO and a volunteer arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau. A memorial service celebrating his life was at Trinity Episcopal Church with the Rev. John R. Hagan officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home. **MASON, James**

James Mason, 69, of Belleville, died Dec. 2. Among his survivors are his wife of more than 30 years, Rusty Anna (Johnson) Mason; children, Kelly (Chip) Jordan of Nashville, TN, Shannon (Dustin) Sizemore, of Belleville, James A. Mason of Westland, Rodney Mason of Alma, Mark Anderson of San

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 2003

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Parks Manager Averill, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixteen (16).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special use approval request by Tim Horton’s Restaurant to construct a 2,810 square foot restaurant with one (1) drive-through window on a parcel of land known as V125-83-064-99-0005-715, zoned C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) and located on the west side of Belleville Road between McBride Road and Wal-Mart entrance drive. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated the applicant, Tim Horton’s Restaurant has requested a special use approval to construct one drive-thru window at a 2,810 square foot store in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. The Township’s Planning Consultant has reviewed the request and both the Planning Consultant and Planning Commission recommend the Township Board grant the Special Use Approval.

Dennis Miller the Director of Real Estate for Tim Horton’s gave an overview of the project. Mr. Miller stated access to the restaurant would be via the Wal-Mart Service Drive and particular attention was given to the traffic flow surrounding the restaurant. The color of the brick will be similar to Applebee’s and Wal-Mart, which are the current buildings in the development. Mr. Miller further stated this will be a 24-hour restaurant with approximately 35 employees.

Supervisor King reiterated the recommendation from the Planning Commission, staff and McKenna and Associates the Township Planning Consultants to grant the special use approval request.

Trustee Herman stated the Planning Commission paid particular attention to the entry and traffic pattern for this site and noted the stacking spaces for the drive-thru were reduced to seven. He further stated the landscaping would compliment the Belleville Road Streetscape.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to present and discuss transfer of funds from Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Category to a Senior Services Category for the Fiscal year 2003-2004 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated this public hearing is to receive public comment on the reallocation of CDBG funds from the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Category to the Senior Services Category for the fiscal year 2003-2004. Originally \$93,867 was allocated to the ADA Category to assist in the construction of Phase I of the Township’s Greenway Trail System. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has ruled this is an ineligible project under the ADA category.

Parks Manager Averill stated a Senior Activity Garden had been included in the Quirk Park Master Plan and the reallocation of these funds would be used to complete the project.

Supervisor King gave a brief history of the Quirk Park and discussed the grant process involved. She further stated according to the grant the Park had to be a multi-use facility. Supervisor King also stated the conceptual plans have been approved by the Board and the final plans for the Senior Activity Garden would be presented to the Board for approval at later date.

Trustee Herman stated the reallocation was a good use of CDBG funds.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

**MINUTES:** Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of November 17, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2003, as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter to Recreation Manager Morris notifying the Township of a \$5,000 grant award from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for the ‘Get Michigan Youth Moving’ Program.

Service awards were given to James Miller and Patrick MacDonald for twenty years of service, Terri Brooks and Robert Greene for fifteen years of service, Michael Papin and John Hayden for ten years of service and Victoria Franzoi for five years of service.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to grant the special use approval to construct a 2,810 square foot Tim Horton’s Restaurant with one (1) drive-through window subject to the four (4) conditions identified in McKenna Associates review letter dated October 8, 2003 which includes the requirement for final site plan approval. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the transfer of funds from Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Category to a Senior Services Category for the Fiscal year 2003-2004 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the Treasurer’s request to extend without penalty the collection of the 2003 winter taxes through Monday, March 1, 2004. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the addition of Community Bank of Dearborn and Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. to the listing of financial institutions for investment purposes. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-43 the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between Van Buren Township, Creative Land Design, Inc. and Country Walk I Condominium Association and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-44 a resolution of support for certain improvements to Ecorse, Tyler and Hannan Roads. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the December 2, 2003 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor King ordered the October 2003 Budgetary Report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Belleville Area Museum on Friday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce annual holiday parade will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 11:00 a.m. and the annual Pancake Breakfast will be held prior to the start of the parade.

The Belleville Area Museum is currently hosting the ‘Festival of Trees’.

The Parks and Recreation Department announced the following: The ‘2003 Holiday Arts & Craft Show’ on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and a brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Residents from Charter Club Estates and representatives of the Homeowner Association spoke regarding concerns with their subdivision. Specifically discussed were issues relating to the trees being planted through out the subdivision as part of the requirement for the completion of the development. Also, other home building issues were discussed. Director Kelly stated the Township’s Planning Consultant arborist would be looking at the trees that are being planted and report his/her findings to the Township. Other comments included traffic on Tyler Road and lighted street limit signs being placed by Tyler Elementary School. Supervisor King stated the lighted street limit signs had recently been discussed at a meeting that included the Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools, the Principal of Tyler School, representatives of Wayne County and Van Buren Township. Supervisor King further stated a request has been made to Visteon for assistance in this matter.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Carried.

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| Joannie D. Payne, CMC<br>Township Clerk | Date:           |
| Cindy C. King<br>Township Supervisor    | Approved: _____ |

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# Former police chief's book honors fallen officers

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

As their faces stare out from the glossy pages of Chief Ike McKinnon's new book, it's impossible not to notice how young they were.

It's a thought that is not lost on the former Detroit police chief — and cer-

tainly not on the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and spouses of the 518 police officers killed in the line of duty in Michigan.

*In the Line of Duty* (Turner Publishing, \$34.95), the first book to name every police officer who lost their life protecting Michigan citizens, brings to life the

totality of the loss of life, page by page, officer by officer.

For McKinnon, the book represents the fulfillment of a commitment he made to himself and other police officers when he was a police cadet in Detroit in the mid-1960s.

"When I was in the academy, an officer was shot, and I told (other students) that we would never forget his name," he said.

But after McKinnon attended his first official funeral — for Ofc. Paul Begin in 1968 — he decided it was time to find a way to make sure officers who make the ultimate sacrifice are not forgotten. And even he was having trouble remembering their names.

"I remember that day," he said. "As we were walking out the church, it was such a tough day for all of us. I remember thinking no officer should ever be forgotten."

McKinnon was named chief in 1993 and held the position for five years. After his retirement, he said he made it a priority to conduct research for *In the Line of Duty*.

"I spent a lot of time in the library," he laughed.

The result is a 168-page, hardcover book that outlines the names of the deceased officers and an explanation of the circumstances that led to their deaths. Personal information such as the number of chil-

dren and other loved ones left behind are also included.

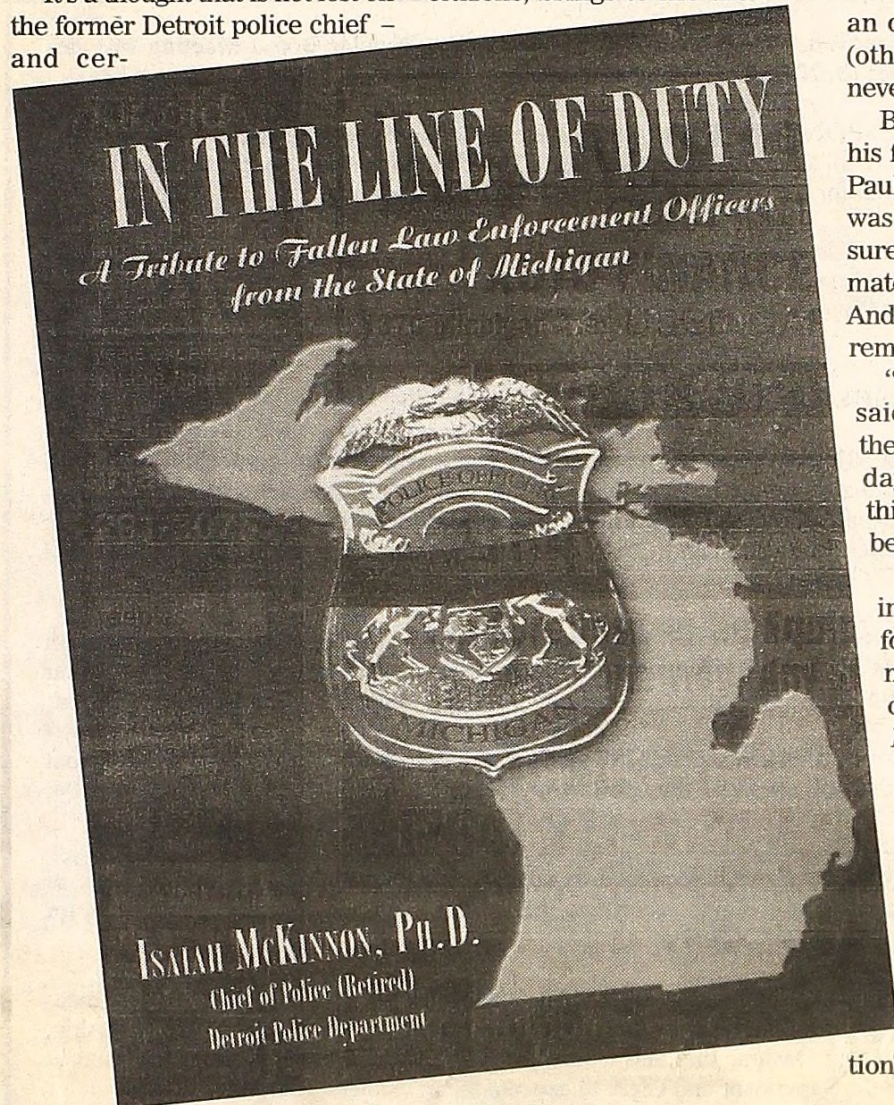
In the nine communities of western Wayne County, eight officers have lost their lives in the line of duty.

In Inkster, three officers were killed in a much-publicized standoff at the Bungalow Motel on July 9, 1987. A mother and three sons opened fire on Sgt. Ira

Parker and Ofcs. Clay Hoover and Daniel Dubiel when they tried to serve the family with a bad check warrant for \$286. A 10-hour hostage situation followed before the mother and sons surrendered.

Seven years later in Inkster, Ofc. Kenneth Woodmore was shot

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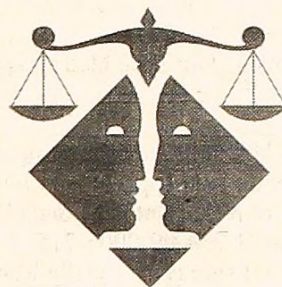
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Former Detroit Police Chief Ike McKinnon signed books at Oakland Mall in Troy with MICOPS president Diane Philpot and her daughter, Katelyn.

# Chief - Book is tribute to police officers killed on duty

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after he attempted to stop a known drug dealer on June 17, 1994. The officer was shot as he emerged from his patrol car.

The city of Northville lost Police Chief Eugene King on March 11, 1965 after a bank robbery suspect produced a concealed pistol and shot the chief twice in the stomach. He died as a result of the injuries 11 years later.

Sumpter Township patrolman Roy Graham was killed on July 28, 1985, when a drunk driver hit his patrol vehicle. Ironically, the officer was helping at a scene in Van Buren Township where another officer was injured because his car was struck by a drunk driver minutes before Graham's vehicle was hit.

Wayne Police Ofc. Leonard Anderson died on May 23, 1974 after being shot by a suspect who called police to tell officers he intended to commit suicide. After Anderson gained entry into the house, the caller fired at the officer, striking him in the face. Anderson died after seven weeks

in a coma from his injuries.

*In the Line of Duty* went to press before a drunk driver struck Canton Ofc. Gordon Stevens' police cruiser on July 23, 2003. Stevens was inside his vehicle after inspecting an abandoned vehicle on Lotz Road when the driver struck the police cruiser. He died shortly after the incident.

According to Diane Philpot, the president of Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MICOPS), the book will help families cope with their loss.

"Nothing like this has ever been attempted in Michigan," she said of McKinnon's efforts. "Ike is the best chief we've ever had. It's important that people remember these officers. We just don't want them to be forgotten."

She added that McKinnon's portion of the proceeds from the book will benefit MICOPS police survivor programs for spouses, parents, and in-laws of slain officers.

"In the Line of Duty" is available at Border's bookstores. The book can be ordered at McKinnon's web site at [www.ikemckinnon.com](http://www.ikemckinnon.com).

# 'Officer' puts bite on suspect

Sharon Emiegh  
Staff Writer

One of the newest members of the Canton Township Police Department has already proven his value to the department and to his partner.

Poncho, the newest member of the canine unit, is credited for thwarting the escape of a suspect who had assaulted an officer during an arrest.

According to police reports, the incident began Nov. 21 when Donald John Ohare, a 43-year old Detroit resident, attempted to pass a bad check with false identification at the National City Bank, located at 41652 Ford Road in Canton.

Bank officials called the Canton police and when Ofc. Todd Koch of the township canine unit arrived on the scene, the situation turned violent.

"The suspect assaulted a police officer and tried to get away," said Sgt. Todd Mutchler, of the Canton police department.

After the assault, Koch released Poncho, who has just recently finished his canine training. Koch told Ohare that if he didn't halt, the dog would attack, Mutchler said.

"He didn't stop," Mutchler said. "The dog attacked."

Ohare then tried to reach a car where an unidentified female driver was waiting. According to Mutchler, Ohare tried to get the woman to open the door with Poncho gripping his leg. The woman drove away and left Ohare at the scene, he said.

Both Koch and Ohare were

treated at a medical facility for minor injuries Saturday, Mutchler said.

Ohare was arraigned Nov. 23, at the 34th District Court in Romulus, according to April Mack, communications specialist for the public safety department. Ohare is charged with "Uttering and Publishing" a bad check, a 14-year felony and assaulting a police officer, a four-year felony and/or a \$5,000 penalty, Mack said. If Ohare is found guilty he will also be charged as a habitual fourth offender, she added.

Ohare entered a plea of not guilty and is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond, according to Mack.

His preliminary court examination on the charges was Dec. 5 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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# Don't Let The Weather Get You Disjointed



By Kevin T. Crawford, D.O., orthopedic surgeon

You know when it is cold and damp, because your joints ache more. Some people believe they can predict the weather due to arthritis. Which may lead folks to ask, "How did I get arthritis?" or "Am I too young to have arthritis?"

Osteoarthritis (OA), or arthritis, does not necessarily occur because of old age. It seems to bother older adults more, but research shows that it can be hereditary. OA is due to the breakdown of cartilage in one's joints, most commonly the knee.

Staying active can help prolong the effects of OA. Now that we are in the winter months, activity levels decrease, especially if most of your activity is running or walking outdoors. However, getting off the couch and into a fitness facility that has a pool will do wonders. Getting involved in a swimming program will help to keep the joints loose.

OA can be very debilitating as a person gets older. That is why staying loose and continually stretching is very helpful in relieving the pain and discomfort associated with OA.

If a person's OA does start to limit their activity, seeing a physician can help. Once a physician examines the patient, an anti-inflammatory drug can be prescribed. There are many medications being

advertised on TV and in magazine ads, such as Celebrex and Vioxx, which are good for relieving the symptoms.

For the young athletes, 20 - 40 year olds, there is a procedure called ACL. This replaces the degenerated cartilage with healthy cartilage from another part of the joint. There is another non-surgical procedure that all knee OA sufferers could benefit from, Hyaluronic Acid Therapy, also known as Joint Fluid Therapy. This procedure is performed by a series of injections at your physician's office. Joint Fluid Therapy is a process that can help joint movement and pain relief.

If medications and the less invasive approaches don't relieve the pain from OA, surgery may be needed. There are different surgi-

cal procedures for varying degrees of OA, total knee or hip replacement, to name a few. With new and emerging technology the longevity of the replacements has greatly improved, so talking all options out with a physician beforehand is recommended.

Dr. Crawford is a board certified orthopedic surgeon at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has been practicing at Annapolis and in the western Wayne community for over nine years, specializing in bone and joint replacement. For more information about Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, orthopedic services or to make an appointment, please visit [www.oakwood.org](http://www.oakwood.org) or call 1-800-543-WELL.



OBITUARIES

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Diego, CA and Kimberly (Dale) Nolan of Belleville; his parents, Elmer and Pearl (Gentry) Mason; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III, officiating.

TAPP, Sheldon

Sheldon J. Tapp, 84, of Tecumseh, died Dec. 5. Among his survivors are his wife of 58 years, Mapleann (Shreve) Tapp; a son, Daniel Lee (Carol Lee) Tapp of Tecumseh, a daughter, Linda Sue (Robert) Kendall of Cement City; six

grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Tapp was a member of the DAV and the Masonic Lodge of Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Funeral services were at the Clinton Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Riddle officiating. Interment was at Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens in Tecumseh. Arrangements were entrusted to the Couture-Handler Funeral Home in Clinton.

**RADCLIFFE, James Ercil**

James Ercil Radcliffe, 90, of Belleville, died Dec. 4. Among his survivors are his children, Carol (Matthew) Campbell, Dixie (Bob) Ziegler and Fay Siegler; nine grandchil-

dren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

**SQUIRE, Donald D.**

Donald D. Squire, 71 of Houghton Lake, died Dec. 4 in Spring Hill, FLA. Among his survivors are his wife, Roselyn "Roz" (Weiss) Squire; children, Laurie (Vincent) Watkins of Belleville, Jason (Carla) Squire of Rochester, Brad (Marnie) Squire of Livonia; step-children, Randy Lovendosky and Scott Lane, both of Sterling Heights; sister, Martha (Charlie) Rambaldo of Garden City; step-sister, Susan of Wayne; nieces, Karen and Holly; nephew, Mark; grandchildren,

Kristie (Kevin), Melissa, Mark, Alex, Hannah, Oliver, Max, Bennett and Riley, and a great-grandson, Zachary. Mr. Squire served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He retired from the Dearborn Police Department after more than 27 years. He was a member of the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the American Legion. Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating. Interment was at Denton Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

**SHAFFER, Dorothea E.**

Dorothea E. Shaffer, 94, of Farmington Hills, formerly a 60-year resident of Romulus, died

Nov. 30. Among her survivors are her friends Carl and Gail Ann Birch with whom she had lived for 11 years and her adopted grandchildren, Michael and Leslie Birch. Mrs. Shaffer was an assistant buyer for the J.L. Hudson Co. and a branch manager for the Michigan Secretary of State in Romulus. She served as the international leader of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in 1967 and was the Supreme Worthy Scribe for the Masonic organization for 22 years. She was a past Royal Matron of the Order the Amaranth, past Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, past Commander of the True Kindred and a member of the Order of the

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.  
Absent: None.  
Excused: Councilman Miller  
Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call  
1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-484

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 10, 2003.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth,  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-485

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to award Bid 03/04-20 Two-Year Maintenance/Repair Contract - Typewriters to the lowest bidder, Michigan Business Systems, Inc., for a two year contact at a price of \$945.00 per year.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-486

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 03/04-23 Water Meters and R.F. Units to the only bidder, S.L.C. Meter Service, Inc., for a total bid price of \$172,920.00.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-487

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to adopt the Routine Expenditure PreApproval Resolution as prepared by the Finance Department.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-488

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to schedule a study session for Monday, January 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Romulus Council Chamber, 11111

Wayne, Road for the purpose of discussing electronic preparation of Council Packets.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-489

6A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Chairman of the Romulus Election Commission, Linda Choate, and re-appoint Marlene Spitz and Judith Frederick to the Romulus Board of Canvassers. Terms expire December 31, 2007.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No Action Taken.

6A3. No Action Taken.

03-490

6A4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Public Hearing, January 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Romulus Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, in accordance with the Romulus City Charter Section 14.2, for the purpose of hearing objections to the vacation of Romaine from Menton to I-94 Expressway, Supervisor's Romulus Plat No. 12, abutting Lots 330 through 337 and Lots 433 through 438.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-491

6A5. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a Public Hearing, January 12, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. in the City of Romulus Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, in accordance with the Romulus City Charter Section 14.2, for the purpose of hearing objections to the vacation of that part of Heroux Street abutting Lot 13, Petroskys Romulus Gardens Subdivision.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-492

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize payment of Warrant 03-22 omitting Fund 301 Beverly Road Construction in the total amount of Nine Hundred, Twenty Four Thousand, Six Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Sixty One Cents (\$924,644.61).  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Abstain: Crova. Motion Carried.

03-493

11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize payment of Warrant 03-22, Fund #301, Beverly Road Construction in the amount of Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$700.00).  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - Romak. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate  
CMC, Clerk

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# OPINION

## The Grinch is defeated

All Plymouth folk can now wipe away tears  
For something in Kellogg Park has appeared  
First hay and stable – complete with a roof  
Then Mary, the wise men and even Joseph  
The nativity scene, in all its mild glory  
Returned like family to this Christmastime story  
“One way or another,” the people will sing  
“The city has loosened up its purse strings!”  
“They’ve put up the scene, lighted the lights  
“It will inspire and give cheer all day and all night.”  
And credit is due, make no mistake  
Because Christmas is back, this ain’t no fake!  
What, then, is the reason for this change of heart?  
What factored in as the deciding part?  
Did bad poems or good fellows in fact have their say?  
“Not so,” say city leaders, “Not so. Nay. Nay!  
We took care of our other services first,  
We had to prepare, and plan for the worst!  
But there has been no snow yet that we’ve had to clear  
And we picked up all the leaves early, this year.  
Yep, Old Man Winter gave us a break –  
An opportunity we’ll certainly take  
To put up more decorations and give them a tweak  
In fact we’ll be out there again all this week!  
Yes, the mild weather itself freed up some money  
(and after all, the park did look funny  
without that traditional holiday scene;  
our residents probably thought we were mean!)”  
So up goes the snowman, menorah and more  
Lights on the trees, carolers by the stores  
Plymouth will reflect, to everyone living  
The joy of the season, the comfort of giving.  
It doesn’t matter if snow does not fall,  
Our town will shout out, to one and all  
Christmas is here, and it’s here to stay  
It can never, ever be locked away.  
It lives on inside each one of us.  
And after all, what’s all the fuss?”  
In the end we won’t question the reason  
We see this tip of the hat to the holiday season  
After all, there is much more that matters  
Than this eye-pleasing bit of the joyful clatter.

## Parking plan gets jump start

Give officials in the City of Northville credit, because they restarted their parking planning in the right way on Monday night. Members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) hosted a meeting in city hall to gather public input on whether there is a real or perceived parking problem in downtown Northville and what can be done about it. They gave brief overviews into the history that culminated in a decision to build a parking deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets and to reconfigure the lot behind the Marquis Theater, a plan that voters recently turned down. They got input on why that plan was rejected by voters, what residents would be more likely to support. Many of the suggestions were reasonable, some a little hard to endorse, but throughout the entire evening, city officials listened intently, took notes diligently and kept an open mind about the proceedings.

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IT SEEMS YOUR COMPANY WILL BE PAID TO TELL US:  
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- WHO WE SHOULD PAY TO BUILD IT (YOU), AND  
- HOW WELL THE JOB WAS DONE?



## ‘Cool’ fight against blight

Public officials are often called upon to solve a variety of problems over which they have no or limited control, and they get a lot of criticism when they don’t – or can’t – handle the situation promptly.

One of the biggest thorns in their collective sides is people who don’t take care of their property, for one reason or another. You see it all around in the City of Wayne, despite a concerted effort to clean up the community as a whole and revitalize the downtown district.

It’s called blight, and it must be one of the most difficult problems for municipalities to solve. It’s difficult because there’s a fine line to walk between requiring a landowner to comply with a stringent set of standards and infringing upon their rights as a property owner. It’s difficult because there is a procedure to follow to coerce compliance, through enforcement of blight ordinances and nuisance complaints, but that procedure is a long and expensive one for cities to undertake.

It’s still an important role, though, and an important part of the revitalization process. It was one of the most overriding suggestions to come out of the recent Cool Cities Task Force meetings in the city – tougher anti-blight ordinances and strident enforcement of them. Everyone who cares about the community, who wants to show pride in where they live or do business, is concerned about and irritated by the few jackasses who apparently don’t.

And you see evidence of it throughout the city: rental houses virtually overgrown with vegetation,

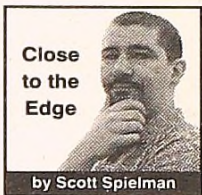
some with sagging roofs or boarded up windows; once majestic buildings or store fronts along Michigan Avenue fallen into disrepair because landlords don’t want to invest the time or the money or the pride in the community; vacant, weed-strewn lots.

That’s why I was encouraged to hear about the attempt by the city to purchase some of these long-neglected properties through changes in tax laws. It’s another tool the city can use to help control blight, and it’s one race in which they’ll be the leading horse.

The city already has a variety of ways they attempt to control blight. Some of them are friendly, like the housing rehabilitation program, the grants the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) can give to improve building facades, and the volunteer efforts like Ed McMurray’s Friends, People helping People project. Others are not, like the anti-blight ordinance and other ways the building department can prod recalcitrant property owners.

It’s true that the city can’t just claim property that hasn’t been maintained to city standards. They have to wait for the property owners to fall behind on their taxes, and even then it’s a two-year process. But it’s still a strong sign to the absentee landlords more interested in making a few bucks than in contributing to a pleasant, livable neighborhood.

It shows that the city will do everything it can to reduce blight. Now if only all the negligent property owners would do the same.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Real gifts have no strings

Jake told me of a friend of his who had given him a Christmas ornament each year for the three years they’d known each other.

Marilyn, Jake’s friend, had done so because she felt he was a man who enjoyed tradition, and appreciated others who were thoughtful and cared about him. Nice.

One of the gifts, however, became a sword. The first weekend of December was mild, warm really for Michigan in winter. Jake, feeling bored, decided to cut off the bottom of the Christmas tree and bring it into the house so it would settle.

The next day, Jake put the first ornament his friend, Marilyn, had him given on the tree—high up, and in the very front of the tree. He smiled and thought about the gift and felt good about the friendship.

As Jake’s daughter reached to add another ornament it slipped and dropped to the floor breaking. She felt terrible and apologized. Jake told her it was all right, it’s just a thing. “Careful,” Jake said, it’s very fine glass and cuts quickly.”

Jake grew up in a very serious world. Oh, there was laughter, but it was a world of doing things perfectly, of acting properly and of pleasing people. If

something happened, like a dent in a new car, or maybe a bike left in the rain, it was considered very serious and was usually met with punishment.

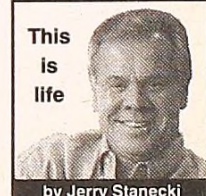
Years passed, Jake began to change his thinking and his life. Once, a friend told him how her father had a brand new Buick and someone put a dent in it.

“I was so upset, I cried,” the woman told Jake, “And, all my father said was, ‘Honey, no one is hurt and the car— it’s only metal.’”

Those words stuck in Jake’s mind. It was only metal, and thinking that way Jake realized put up a roadblock to unjustified shame and guilt. So when the ornament broke he felt bad, but accepted it as what it was, an accident.

A week or so later, Marilyn was looking at the tree and asked where the ornament she gave Jake the second year was. Jake didn’t know. About an hour later, Jake remembered the broken ornament and told Marilyn that might have been it.

Marilyn was upset that someone could be “so



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

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# Federal law 'fails' local schools



Isn't it ironic?

by Heather Connor

It's sad to hear how the low Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores are affecting the Belleville area.

School officials have pledged their dedication to improve the scores, especially at Belleville High School. School board members have expressed their frustration with the constantly changing standards – the brass ring that the state seems to keep just out of some districts' reach. The state certainly has not helped the situation when it failed to release the MEAP scores in time for the Van Buren Public School District to incorporate the needed curriculum changes immediately into programs. With more budget cuts from the state looming on the horizon, the district is forced to do more with less.

Those politicians who thought using the MEAP test to

bring reform to public schools obviously did not understand that changes to schools and educational systems can't be made overnight. State officials probably could not have predicted the state revenue shortfall, but you can't yank away food from the mouth of someone who is hungry and expect them to be grateful to you for doing it. It seems educational reformists on a national level will say "We're raising the bar for your own good, but we won't give a dime to help you get there." The No Child Left Behind Act may look good on paper, but it is a thinly disguised ploy to close down as many public schools as possible in a very short amount of time.

What's almost more tragic than low student scores on the test is the social and economical standard the MEAP has turned out to "measure." I've heard the concerns of parents at various

municipal and school board meetings. They not only question what the government and school officials will do to raise the scores, but how the scores affect the image of the Belleville area. I've heard that future employees of Visteon Village in Van Buren Township are not looking to live in the Belleville area, they are looking in surrounding communities like Northville, Canton Township, Plymouth and Westland to live because of the low Belleville MEAP scores. What many may not realize is that the MEAP test was never intended to be used in this way. It started off as simply a way for districts to determine where they needed to improve their curriculum. It was not used as a justification to withhold funds or needed help. An ax of judgment did not fall upon districts that lagged behind in years past. School

reform happened in a quiet, dignified manner. This is not to say that public schools do not need improvement, but it seems that instead of looking at where some of the real problems may lie, the government is ready to cripple districts until improvements are made. The catch is that improvements cost money.

The quest to give power back to parents as to the way their children are educated is noble. The notion that no child should be left behind because of social and economic background is commendable, but at what cost to districts that continue to struggle? The government seems to be more than willing to pay for children to migrate to better schools, but why not give the schools a fair chance at improvement in these hard economic times?

## Gifts - Givers should receive pleasure from act of giving, not fate of gift

FROM PAGE 9

careless, wasn't more careful, didn't care that much about the gift."

Jake explained it wasn't that way at all. But, Marilyn—stuck in her old picture—wasn't hearing any of it. As a result, she was making herself miserable and

Jake irritated.

"Didn't she realize how she was setting herself up for disappointment?" I asked Jake.

"I don't think so," Jake answered. "What do you mean?"

I explained that when I give a gift, I do it for all the reasons Marilyn did, however, what I don't do is write a script how that

gift should be received, used and cared for. That's a set-up for disappointment... and also might be unfair to the person who gets the gift.

When I give a gift, it's because it makes me feel good. I hope it makes you happy, but that's really not important. It's a selfish thing, you see, because I give expecting

nothing in return.

Think about it and this year, don't let old pictures steal your happiness.

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## Parking - Northville officials include public in planning for downtown needs

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If there was one overriding success about the night, though, it was that the meeting got people out and it got people talking. The city council chamber was virtually packed with interested residents and business owners, many of whom wanted to voice their opinions. Others merely wanted to sit back and listen to the voiced concerns of their neighbors, and that's OK, too. Even members of the DDA who were openly discouraged about the results of the vote and just as vocally skeptical about the value of restarting a 18-month process were on hand to listen to concerns, as were members of the city council who opposed the previous plan and wanted to

hear more input from residents.

It shows that the DDA and city council learned something from their latest bout with the parking situation, even if it wasn't how residents and business owners want to solve the problem. When they started the process last time around, it was with a parking committee made up of DDA members that formed in November of 2001 and started to work in January of 2002.

They used results from parking and downtown studies that took place in 1999, along with a current parking survey and developed several concepts that they whittled down to what they believed was the best one, and presented it for approval. It was a perfectly acceptable way to

approach the problem, the only hitch was that the bulk of the public input came after the majority of the planning was done, even though that isn't the fault of the DDA.

This time, the plan is to get input from the public ahead of time, and at every available opportunity, to ensure less criticism at the end of the project and a more cooperative planning process throughout it.

Maybe the DDA and the general public will work themselves toward the same decisions this year that they did last year. Maybe they won't. No matter what they ultimately decide to do about the long term and short term parking situation, though, it's good to see so many members of the public have a vocal

role in the early part of the process. It requires a lot of work to plan for the future, for city officials and residents both.

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# BUSINESS

## On the money New bank to offer personal service

Scott Spielman  
Editor

If all goes according to plan, the Northville community will soon have another unique feature to call its own.

A locally-owned, community oriented bank will soon take its place in the Northville business landscape. Called Main Street Bank, it will be located in the heart of downtown, and headed by two experienced financial experts, well-known throughout the community.

Rick Shaffner will serve as chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the new venture and Audrey Mistor will serve as president and Chief Operating Officer (COO), both are Northville residents as are four of the nine bank directors.

Mistor said the bank cleared another hurdle recently. They received the final approval from the State of Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services to organize a de novo bank. It was one of only two commercial bank charters granted by the state this year.

"We're getting close," Mistor

*"It's all about service. We'll be in a position to offer products and services that will rival, if not best, the other guys' and we'll be able to do it at a personal level."*

said. "We're moving ahead very quickly."

She said she hopes to have the bank open to the public within the first quarter of 2004.

Mistor has 23 years of experience in the banking industry, 20 of that with Michigan National. Her educational background is in financial systems, planning and marketing.

"It's pretty nice when you think about what we're trying to accomplish," she said.

And that is to provide residents with an alternative to larger, more cumbersome banks, according to Mistor. The idea to start a local bank in Northville came up a few years ago, and

Shaffner, who has a long history of community service, was the perfect choice to head the bank. He has been in the mortgage business for more than 25 years. He started Lender Limited in Northville in 1996 and sold it recently. Before that he was the CEO of Republic Bancorp. He has also started and sold other mortgage firms.

Shaffner said the final obstacle to opening Main Street Bank is in raising the \$8.5 million in capital to get it going. That task is already well under way, he said. Main Street Bancorp, Inc. is in the process of selling shares of stock through a registered stock offering to Michigan residents only.

"We want out investors to know us and we want to know our investors," he said.

The bank will offer the same types of services a larger regional or national bank will offer clients, only tailored more to the needs of the locals, Mistor said.

"A community bank is different in the service that you can provide," she said. "You can have a local focus and management style. That will certainly be our



Rick Shaffner



Audrey Mistor

goal. We'll have a very strong relationship in the areas in which we can operate. It's different from our competitors."

One of the biggest benefits of a locally-owned and operated bank, she said, is the ability of the institution to change with the times and adapt to meet the individual needs of customers. Decisions are made at the local level, without the often cumbersome bureaucracy found at larger banks.

"It's all about service," Mistor said. "We'll be in a position to offer products and services that will rival, if not best, the other guys' and we'll be able to do it at

a personal level."

She said she's worked at the opening of the bank full time for the past year - it's a difficult endeavor, and an uncommon one. The state has only granted four charters to new banks in the past four years.

Shaffner, a member of the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) said the work will benefit both customers and the community as a whole.

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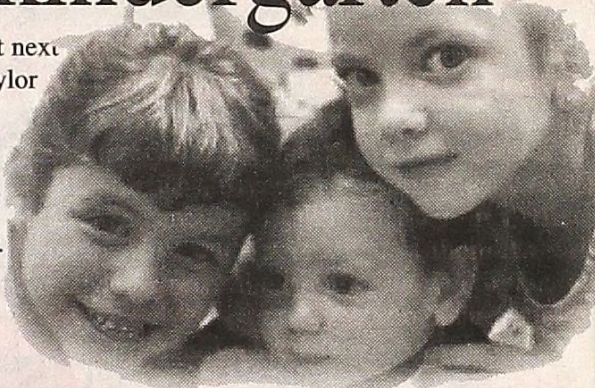
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# SPORTS



File Photo - Plymouth defeated Sarnia in overtime, 3-2, Saturday night. The win tied them with Sarnia for first place in the West division.

## Chiefs fall to Churchill, 3-1

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Christopher Barczuk recorded the other assist on the goal.

Before the goal, Garret played spectacular to keep Canton in the game, including a save made off of a three-on-one Churchill breakaway.

Reece McCabe had an early breakaway scoring chance for Canton but Churchill goalie Justin Bolla poked the puck away before he could get a shot off.

The Chargers' Barczuk was sent to the box for cross checking at 9:51 in the second period, which set up Canton's lone goal to tie the game 1-1. Mike Stewart fought his way through the Charger's defense to shove the puck into the net.

Kyle Tollison and Brian Wioncek recorded the assists on the power-play goal.

Barczuk made up for the penalty that cost his team a goal when he fired a shot from the point that hit the back of the net and bounced out so quick it looked like Garrett made another great stop. However, it was later ruled as a goal and Churchill

See Chiefs, page 18

Penalties were the deciding factors on the ice Friday night when the Canton Chiefs faced off against Livonia Churchill, the No. 3 ranked hockey team in the state. Two power-play goals put the game out of reach for the Chiefs as they fell 3-1 to the Chargers.

"Penalties killed us," Canton coach Jim Wheaton said. "It was good to be in the game. Churchill won all of their other games by four or five goals so I think we were their first test."

"The kids played hard and we did everything we wanted to do," he added. "The penalties killed us. They scored two goals on power plays."

The first of the power play goals came at 2:32 in the first period, 20 seconds after Reece McCabe was called for cross checking. Brandon Mishowski redirected a shot by Michael Dziewit that squeaked by the pads of Canton goalie Chris Garrett to give Churchill a 1-0 lead to end the first period.

## Lundmark clutches overtime win for Whalers

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers' 3-2 overtime win against the Sarnia Sting on Saturday night tied them for first place in the West with the Sting.

Ryan Ramsay took the initial shot and Sarnia goalie Ryan Munce made the save but gave up the rebound that Erik Lundmark knocked in to take the overtime victory - the second straight win for Plymouth.

After a scoreless first period

the Whalers jumped in front with a power-play goal by Gino Pisellini at 6:38 of the second period with assists from John Mitchell and Dan Collins. Vaclav Meidl extended the lead to 2-0 with the Whalers' second power-play goal.

With Jonas Fiedler in the penalty box for fighting, Sarnia's David Pszenyczny took advantage of the power play and sent the puck past Paul Drew to put them on the board 2-1 at 17:24 in the second.

Daniel Sisca tied the game for

Sarnia at 14:39 in the third period to force the overtime.

It only took Ramsay and Lundmark 1:54 to sink the game in overtime. Drew had a big night with 32 saves.

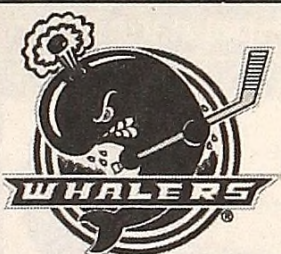
### Plymouth 5, Spirit 1

The Whalers stepped it up a notch last Friday when they defeated the Saginaw Spirit 5-1 at the Compuware Sport Arena.

Sean Thompson scored first to give the Whalers the early 1-0 lead at 5:23 in the first period.

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You know that you've made it to the big-time when your alma mater not only retires your college jersey but also gives away bobblehead statues that look like you at the ceremony.

Eastern Michigan University did just that as they celebrated the career of one of NBA's elite and one of their own star players when they retired Grant Long's EMU jersey last Tuesday night at the Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. The university gave away Grant Long Bobbleheads to the first 1,000 fans that showed up at the EMU game against Kent State University, where the ceremony took place.

We had a chance to catch up with the star and ask him a few questions.

**Journal Newspapers:** That must be quite an honor to have your jersey retired?

**Long:** He nods his head up and down.

Long, a Romulus native, played for Eastern for four years (1984-1988) where he earned the right as one of the top scorers and rebounders in EMU history. Long finished his career at EMU with 1,469 points and 863 rebounds. He also led Eastern to their first ever MAC Championship and appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1986-87. At the end of that season he was named the MAC Player of the Year.

The Miami Heat selected Long as the 33rd overall pick in the 1988 NBA Draft. He appeared in all 82 games in the Heat's inaugural season and was named the team's MVP. After seven years with the Heat he bounced around the league. In 1994, the Heat traded him to the Atlanta Hawks and he returned home to Michigan when the Hawks traded him to the Detroit Pistons in 1996.

**JN:** It must have been nice to return home to the Detroit area.

**Long:** More nodding (this time it was more of



Grant Long's Eastern Michigan University (EMU) jersey was retired last Tuesday at a pre-game ceremony at the Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. The Grant Long Bobbleheads were given away to the first 1,000 fans that attended the ceremony before the EMU vs. Kent State game.

a circular motion - Yes? No? Maybe?).

After a two-year stint with the Pistons he returned to the Hawks as a free agent for the 1998-99 season but left again to go to the Vancouver Grizzlies for two years and was retained by the Grizzlies when they moved to Memphis in the 2001-02 season. Most recently, Long was signed by the Boston Celtics in January but has remained inactive. He currently resides in Atlanta, Ga. with his wife Nikki and their four children.

The 17-year veteran has played in more than 1000 games, posted more than 9,500 points and has ore than 6,100 rebounds in his career.

See **Long**, page 18

## Whalers - Plymouth tied for first

FROM PAGE 16

Brent Mahon and Craig Cescon assisted him on the play. Less than a minute later the Spirit knotted the score with a goal from Georgi Misharin.

Dearborn native John Vigilante put Plymouth back on top 2-1 off of a pass from Ramsay.

Vigilante, assisted by Tim Sestito and Lundmark, scored his second of the game at 6:27 of the second period to put Plymouth up 3-1. Ramsay assisted on a power-play goal by Letizia that extended their lead to 4-1 at 17:44 in the second.

Jonas Fiedler put the game away with the only goal in the third period to give the Whalers their first win since before Thanksgiving. Mitchell and Vigilante helped on the final goal.

**Plymouth 2, Peterborough 5**

The Peterborough Petes powered past a particularly paltry Plymouth performance with perfect passes on power plays to prevail 5-2. Try saying that three times fast.

Plymouth couldn't get anything going against Peterborough Saturday night, which resulted in their second straight loss.

Plymouth took the early lead with a short-handed goal by Sestito with assists by Fiedler and Lundmark. The Petes were quick to fire back when Liam Reddix scored on the same power play to knot the score 1-1.

Jamie Tardif put the Petes up 2-1 with a power play goal 30 sec-

onds into the second period. Nick Vernelli tied the score at 18:26 in the second when he tipped the puck in off of a pass from Sestito. Fiedler recorded the other assist.

Tuomi scored again in the third to move Peterborough back ahead and Jon Howse put the game away with two goals in the third including an empty netter to end the game.

Plymouth 2, Samia 3

The Whalers didn't have anything to be thankful for when they lost to Sarnia 3-2 in overtime on Thanksgiving Day.

After a scoreless first period, Mark Chuatal put Sarnia on the board in the second period when he put the puck past Plymouth's goalie Drew. The Whalers bounced back with a goal from Pisellini assisted by Ramsay and Letizia.

Sarnia took a 2-1 lead when Tenute scored off of a pass from Sisca.

The third period remained scoreless for the first 19 minutes and 56 seconds until Sestito knocked the puck past Sarnia goalie Munce to force the game into overtime. James Wisniewski notched the assist on the tying goal.

It didn't take long, 3:13 to be exact, for Sarnia to pull out the upset with a goal by Daniel Carcillo.

The Whalers are on the road this weekend with games at Peterborough tonight; Ottawa tomorrow night; and Oshawa on Sunday.

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# Looking back and moving forward

Raise your hand if you want to be a sports writer – that's basically how my editor Scott Spielman proposed the opportunity for me to take on the sports world...all by myself.

What was I thinking?

Ah, but I was like a giddy third grader raising my hand at the front of the classroom – pick me, pick me!

Ten schools, the Plymouth Whalers and some 30 coaches later my mind was swirling, I didn't know if I was coming or going and I think I still have frostbite in some unmentionable places from the Canton-John Glenn playoff football game.

Now I know how Brett Favre feels when sacked by Warren Sapp for a loss of 10 yards and a slight concussion. But, like Favre, I knew I had to get back up and finish the game and the season.

Oh, and what a season it was. I wrote some good stuff and some not so good stuff – I guess I can't win them all – but most of all, I had fun.

I met some great coaches in the communities such as; Rhonda McAllister in Romulus; Bob Blohm and Tim Baechler in Canton; Craig Hnatuk and Larry Brenner in Wayne; Chuck Gordon and Mike Schuette in Westland; Kevin Edwards in Belleville; Henry Klimes and Clint Alexander in Northville; Bob Cummings at Salem; and Warren Woods at Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

When 90 percent of sports writing comes from talking to the coaches every week, it is coaches like these that make the job easier and more fun. They were reliable, ready and most of all they returned phone calls. There were some coaches who didn't call back on a timely basis, if at all, and then complained that nothing is ever written on their team. Not to mention any names but – Hello! Inkster...is anyone there? Better yet, there was a coach – of a conference

champion basketball team – who thought it was a good idea to have a "student team manager" call me back. Seriously, it's high school basketball and community coverage – all I wanted were a few quotes from the head coach.

But the best part about the season was watching the kids play. I witnessed some amazing games and some amazing players, too many to name personally, but players and teams I look forward to covering next year.

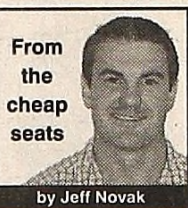
And then there are the seniors – Renita Price, Erica Mims, Alicia Harbor, Matt Smitherman, Devin Thomas, Travis McKinney, Tyrone Dillard and Mary Riley – all ready to put their high school years behind them and move on to bigger and better things. Most will head to college to play their respected sports and, unfortunately, some won't. But it will be my pleasure to continue watching those youngsters that do grow at the next level.

The only bad thing I can say about this season is that my fantasy football team has suffered due to the fact that I have kept such close track of high school players that I haven't been able to keep up with the NFL.

The good thing is – I should have one heck of a team in about four to five years, being that I'll know more about the players coming out of college at that point.

Looking back it was a fun season and I want to thank all of the coaches and players that made it so. There were a few times, to be honest, when I had to throw my journalistic objectivity out the door and stand up and cheer.

With the smell of winter in the air and the winter season about to take off, it's time to forge ahead and learn more coaches' names, watch more up-and-coming stars and lose my mind again. Oh, how I love my job – really I do.



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## Long

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JN: Your stats are phenomenal, are you pleased with your overall career?

Long: He only smiles (what's that supposed to mean?) A poke in the chest gets him to nod again.

His EMU jersey may now hang from the rafters of a gymnasium spurring future MAC players to obtain the level that he has in his career but nothing says, "we remember you Grant Long," like a bobblehead. In matter of fact, Long, with a ball under his arm and a smile on his face, is bobbing his head in agreement – well, the statue version of him anyway.

## Chiefs

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took a 2-1 lead.

The Chiefs' Paul Stevens was called on tripping and Matt Oliver was penalized for cross checking to give Churchill a two-man advantage and they pushed the puck past Garrett to take a 3-1 lead at 11:50 in the third period.

Wheaton pulled Garrett out of

net in the final minutes of the game to gain a six-on-five advantage where they had plenty of scoring chances and put plenty of pressure on Bolla but had no luck.

"We played the No. 3 team in the state and gave them a game," Wheaton said. "The team responded well to the adjustments that we made after the Northville game last week. Everyone did what they had to and I'm pleased with how we played."

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# Rocks top Warriors, 3-2

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Salem Rocks held off a late game rally to defeat the Walled Lake Western Warriors 3-2 at Lakeland Arena last Saturday night.

Brandon DeMars held the Warriors scoreless until the last two minutes of the third period, when the Rocks were outnumbered. The Rocks' Dan Crockett and Andy Thackaberry were called for slashing to give the Warriors a two-man advantage and they pulled their goalie to make it a six-on-three power play. Dan Parsell scored with Scott Wietecha gaining the assist.

Western scored again off of a six-on-four advantage to move them within one. Wietecha scored the goal and Troy Poggett recorded the assist with 19 seconds left in the game but the Rocks held on for the 3-2 victory.

"Overall we played a pretty good game," Salem coach Fred Feiler said. "I don't think the referees did us any favors, but you can't control that. They missed a lot on both sides. I think we played pretty well, though."

Salem took an early lead at 5:24 with a shot by Craigen Bauldry that redirected off of Chris Wilson who was credited with the goal.

Bauldry received credit for the assist.

Mike Barr extended the lead for the Rocks with a goal at 8:54 in the second period. Ryan Jones recorded the assist.

"That was a big goal for us," Feiler said. "We just killed off a five-on-three for two minutes and the goal put us up 2-0 to go into the third period."

Wietecha was sent to the box for high sticking at 7:26 and six seconds later Buddy Musa buried the puck in Western's net to extend their lead to 3-0.

Matt Van Hoet assisted on the power-play goal.



Salem forward Dan Crockett skates past Franklin defenseman Kurt Rogalla in a 4-4 tie last Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

## Salem 4, Franklin 4

The victory against Western came after a tight battle against the Livonia Franklin Patriots last Tuesday night that resulted in a 4-4 tie.

Thackaberry put the Rocks on the board first at 8:41 in the first period with assists from Van Hoet and Aaron Cheesman. Kyle Emmons extended that lead to 2-0 at 5:05 in the first period and Bauldry and Thackaberry recorded the assists.

The Patriots were undaunted by the two-goal deficit and rebounded in the second period to score three goals in a three and half minute span to take a 3-2 lead to start the third period.

Jeff Paison, assisted by Jake Garbutt, scored on a power play to narrow Salem's lead 2-1 at the 10:26 mark in the second. At 8:05 Matt Sgriccia scored a short-handed goal to tie the game 2-2 with assists from Keith Robert and Garbutt. Kurt Rogalla gave Franklin the 3-2 lead at 7:03 with a power-

play goal. Matt Kahkonen and Garrett Radford notched the assists.

Cheesman put the puck past Jeremy Peer to tie the game 3-3 for Salem at 12:07 in the third period and Van Hoet gave the Rocks a 4-3 lead at 8:26 with an assist from Cheesman.

Franklin's Robert tied the game 4-4 with 2:53 left in the game.

Steve Smith and Dave McCall assisted on the goal.

"Overall it was pretty good game," Feiler said. "We quit working them in the second period and let them get back in the game."

"Joe Moore stopped some breakaways and kept us in the game - he's been playing outstanding," he added.

The 2-3-1 Rocks took on a tough 5-1 Northville Mustang team at home Tuesday night but the results weren't available at press time.

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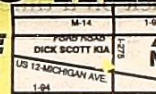
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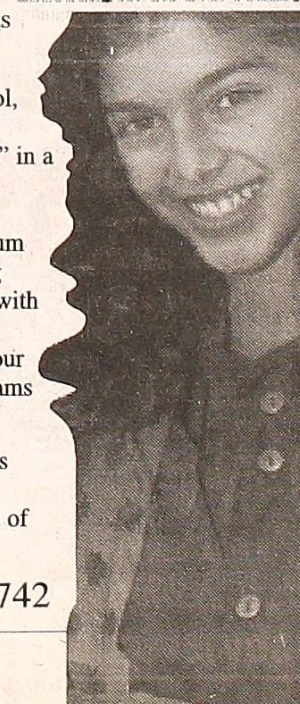
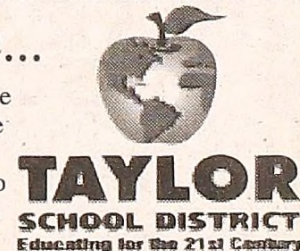
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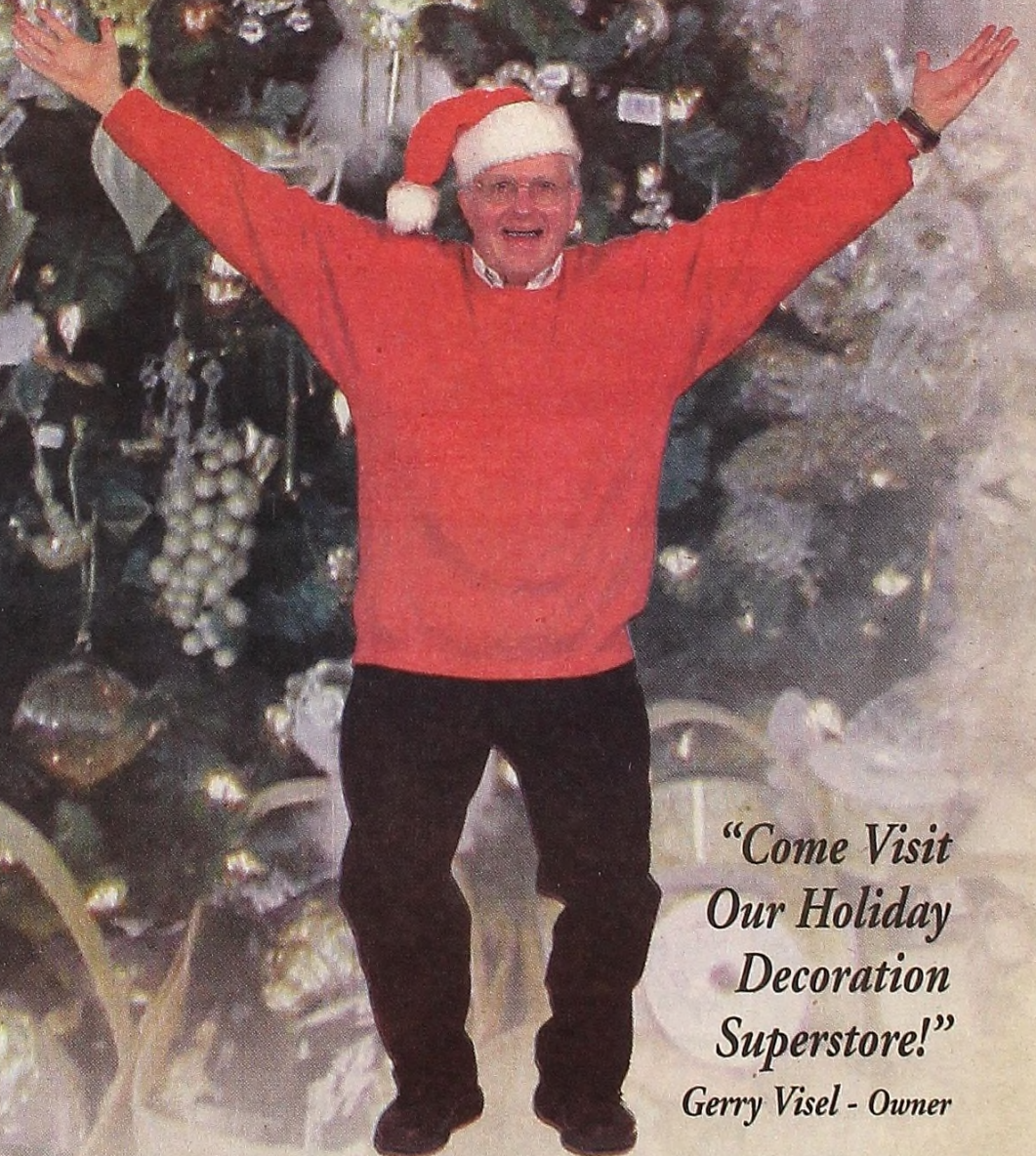
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